

HUSBAND DEAF TO FIF'S PLEA

Wife Sought to Balk Suit But Banker Was Unmoved by Her Tears.

NEW YORK, April 14.—News of an earnest "eleventh hour" effort made by Mrs. James A. Stillman to persuade her multimillionaire husband to withdraw the divorce suit he had secretly begun against her has become public for the first time.

MET IN HOTEL SUITE.
The plea was made some weeks after the former "Fif" Potter had been served with the summons and complaint.

Through the agency of mutual friends a meeting between the estranged couple was arranged in a specially engaged suite of rooms in one of the larger hotels of the city.

Accounts of the affair agree that Mrs. Stillman took the initiative in the preliminary overtures and in the discussion at the conference which was attended by at least one attorney and two or three friends of both parties.

The information is that a tense scene marked the meeting. Mrs. Stillman making her appeal with tears streaming down her cheeks and the banker holding coldly aloof from her entreaties. In a voice choking with emotion, Mrs. Stillman reminded her husband of the harm that was sure to come from publicity attendant upon the suit, and urged him for the sake of their children and the threatened but on the family prestige to reconsider and cancel the action.

FAILS TO MOVE BANKER.
The banker remained obstinate.

"I am going to see the matter through," he announced stolidly.

Disappointed but not discouraged Mrs. Stillman went over the grounds of her plea again, using all the womanly artifices at her command to dissuade her husband from his threatened course. Stillman heard her as before and again when she had finished repeated heavily:

"I am going to see the matter through."

It was then—and not till then—that Mrs. Stillman became defiant. In the plainest language possible and without the least attempt to soften the facts, she told the banker that she had learned of his intrigues with various women and that she proposed making her knowledge public, if forced to do so in self-defense. She gave names and was otherwise definite enough to convince other auditors, if not Stillman himself, that she knew whereof she was speaking—in a measure at least.

BEGIN WORK ON PLAN TO MERGE SOLDIER RELIEF

The Congressional committee on reorganization of the Government departments, will proceed immediately to consider consolidation of soldier relief work, Senator Smoot said today after conferring with President, and Senator Harrison of Mississippi, Wadsworth of New York, and Congressman Reavis.

The President will have a personal representative on the reorganization committee.

Insurance Men Dine.
The Western Union of Fire Insurance Men held their annual banquet last night in the Washington Hotel sun parlor.

Carpet Men to Dine.
Carey Stokes will be the toastmaster at a banquet of the Carpet, Furniture and Upholstery Association of the District tonight in the sun parlor of the Hotel Washington.

No More Misery After Eating
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"The first dose of Eatonic did wonders for me. I take it at meals and am no longer bothered with indigestion," writes Mrs. Ellen Harris.

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KEEP SAFES OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE YEGGS

ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—"We have decided not to have the locks repaired, said Manager McCutcheon, of the Atlanta branch of the International Harvester Company today, when he discovered the safes in his office had been opened the fifth time by yeggs. "We hereby give notice to all prospective or professional safe blowers that the combinations will be left broken so that entrance to the safes can be made without the least trouble. We will not keep money or valuables in them."

STOKES JUDGE PEEPS ON ROOF

Court Decides to Get Direct Evidence on What Divorce Witnesses Could See.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Supreme Court Justice Edward R. Finch made a personal visit yesterday to the house at 13 East Thirty-fifth street, the scene of the alleged indiscretions of Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes and Edgar T. Wallace, one of the many co-respondents in the Stokes divorce case.

CLOSES EXCITING DAY.
The judicial inspection closed a day of conflict in court over the testimony of Zenais Matteosian, the architect.

He originally swore that he had seen from an extension roof Mrs. Stokes and Wallace, unconventionally clad, in the latter's apartment.

He was certain that it was Mrs. Stokes, he was certain it was Wallace and he was certain of the sight that met his eyes—in his original testimony.

To settle the controversy which has arisen between opposing counsel, Supreme Court Justice Finch went to the apartment at 13 East Twenty-fifth street to see for himself.

He was accompanied by Myles A. Walsh, of counsel for Mrs. Stokes, and Milton S. Cohn, of counsel for the plaintiff.

Judge Finch and the two lawyers with him were accorded access to the apartment on the fourth floor which was at one time occupied by Mrs. Genevieve La Croix de Anquin, and later by Mrs. Matteosian. They went out on the roof of the extension in front of the window of the room which, according to the Matteosians, was the bathroom of the premises when they occupied it. It is not now the bathroom.

JUDGE DRAWS PLAN.
But the judge and those with him were able to look over the brick coping, and Justice Finch was given at first hand an opportunity to judge what the witnesses testified they had seen Mrs. Stokes dressing her hair near the window at a dresser near a window, and had seen Wallace pull down the shade, could have observed from the roof.

After taking notes of the layout of the premises, most as to the floor which Edges T. Wallace occupied, the justice and the two lawyers departed. No expression of opinion was vouchsafed as to what had been seen by anyone—either the judge or those with him.

On the examination yesterday, Martin Littleton, representing Mrs. Stokes, and Henry A. Wise, representing Wallace, ripped deep into the architect's testimony. They confronted Matteosian with photographs and maps of the building in an effort to prove it to be a physical impossibility for anyone to have seen the couple in the position described.

They called on him to exercise his professional knowledge of perspective and explain exactly the position he had assumed on the extension roof with reference to the Wallace window. As he phrased it, the roof extended from the bathroom. From the roof through an open window, the architect insisted that he could see Mrs. Stokes brushing her hair in diaphanous lingerie, until Wallace pulled down the shade.

WEAKENS IN TESTIMONY.
Pressed specifically, Matteosian began to weaken. He pleaded that he could not remember details, that the incident was seven years old now, and that he was not sure just where he stood. Littleton then told us how in any position you could have seen any one at the dresser between the windows, unless you could see through a chimney or climb onto the roof.

The architect studied the drawings and photographs carefully, then said: "I don't know just how I could see, but I know that I did see."

With a voice that carried the suggestion of a snarl in it, Wise cut in: "Then you must have curved eyes that see in a circle, or else you must have balanced over the coping of the roof like an acrobat and which was it?"

JUDGE VISITS PREMISES.
The lawyers battled over this for half an hour until Justice Finch called a halt by stating that he would see the premises for himself. The inspection was made in company with an assistant counsel from both sides.

Matteosian will take the stand again today when he will be interrogated further in the light of conditions disclosed by the examination. But before he left, Littleton struck hard against the architect's positive identification of the woman in the room. He had previously testified that she was red-headed, that he knew her from a photograph seen later in Wallace's room, and that he was sure she was the Mrs. Stokes he was facing in court.

The architect could not remember whether it was the picture which he had been told was Mrs. Stokes' photograph. The more persistent the cross-examination became the slacker became Matteosian's recollection. He emphasized frequently that it all took place seven years ago and Littleton encouraged him to emphasize it.

Then the lawyer emphasized that it was the same seven years between

WOMAN witness for W. E. D. Stokes, whom he was accused of coaching while she was on the stand, and new photos of Mrs. Stokes and her husband, principals in the noted divorce action.



MRS. GENEVIEVE LA CROIX DE ANQUIN.

PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

10 a. m.—Senator Smoot of Utah, Senators McCormick and McKinley of Illinois.
10:30 a. m.—Congressman Towner and Mrs. Fairchild.
11 a. m.—Miss Winifred Holt.
11:15 a. m.—Senator Wadsworth of New York.
12 m.—Senator Kellogg of Minnesota.

12:15 p. m.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and a committee of highway officers of States; Congressman Ward of New York and party of twenty-seven to pay respects. T. S. Seale and party of fifteen delegates from community service conference.

2:30 p. m.—The President will present a medal of honor to Chief Gunner Edward Cox, U. S. N.
3:30 p. m.—The President and Mrs. Harding will receive the National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, headed by Mrs. Alice Radford Wiles.

4:30 p. m.—Reception by the President and Mrs. Harding to the central conference of American rabbis (about 200).
5 p. m.—President will receive the Paulish Choristers (about 70).

the present and the previous time he had seen or thought he had seen Mrs. Stokes, and the distance did not dim the recollection of her appearance, despite the radical change in her hair.

But Matteosian stuck to his story in the main. He described the red hair, piled high, the three-quarter view he said he caught of the woman's face, the lingerie, all vaguely, but sure he continued, all there. Wise drew from him that he must have stood back a few feet from the opening so that he would not be observed, and this led into a deeper disclosure of optics. The witness said he could see the floor, but not the woman's face. He did not know whether he could see the bed or the walls or the dresser at which the woman stood.

After Matteosian's return to the stand today, his wife, now reported ill in a hospital will be called for cross-examination. She was with him at the time of the observation. The husband admitted receiving money and being promised a position by Stokes, who, he said, has spoken to him of the window watching. Wise asked:

"Did Wallace come upstairs after that and kick you around the apartment?"

Matteosian said Wallace never spoke of it, and he did not believe Wallace knew of the watching. Littleton said that Mrs. Stokes might be called to testify this afternoon or tomorrow, if testimony could be taken from the preliminary witnesses fast enough.

STILLMAN OUT OF NEW NORTHWESTERN BOARD

CHICAGO, April 14.—Marshall Field of Chicago has been elected to the board of directors of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad at the annual meeting of stockholders. He was chosen for one year to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of James Stillman, New York banker.

It was explained that Mr. Stillman resigned some time ago because of provisions of the Clayton act forbidding interlocking directorates between railroads and concerns which profit from their transactions with the road. The National City Bank of New York, it was said, handles many financial transactions for the Chicago and Northwestern.

All other members of the board of directors were re-elected.

NEW YORK, April 13.—A regular meeting of the board of directors of the National City Bank was held yesterday, with Mr. Stillman in the chair. His private affairs were not discussed.

W.C.T.U. PLANS FOR BIRTHDAY

Fifty-first Anniversary of Women Temperance Leaders to Be Observed.

The fifty-first anniversary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the District and the twentieth anniversary of buying the clubhouse at 522 Sixth street northwest will be celebrated between 4 and 7 o'clock tomorrow at the Union headquarters.

WOMEN ARE INVITED.
All Washington women club members and visiting daughters of the American Revolution have been invited to attend the reception which will be in charge of the State officers.

Mrs. Francis A. St. Clair is State president; Mrs. Theresa A. Williams, vice president; Mrs. M. B. Kistler, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sallie Gates, recording secretary, and Miss Gussie Nichols, treasurer.

Among the guests of honor, who will deliver addresses, will be Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, honorary president of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, State president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 8,000 women in the District; and Mrs. Francis A. St. Clair, State regent, Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Double duty for your dime will be the order of the day on and after April 24. Watch The Washington Times.

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Bids for Metallic Hose.
Shipping Board is inviting bids for such quantities of flexible metallic hose as may be required for period of four months from May 25. Bids will be opened May 2.

Crittenden Circle Rally.
The Florence Crittenden circles of Washington will hold a rally at the home, 218 Third street northwest tomorrow afternoon. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock and a business meeting will follow.

HARDING INDORSES PLAN FOR 'BLIND LIGHTHOUSES'

President Sees 2 Sightless Girls Who Urge His Support.

President Harding today unofficially indorsed the campaign for \$20,000,000 for the committee for Lighthouses for the Blind when he received Miss Winifred Holt at the White House.

Miss Holt was accompanied to the White House by Jennie Williams and Veronica Masicka, two blind orphan girls employed in the Lighthouse of the New York Association for the Blind, and they brought gifts they had made for the President and Mrs. Harding. These girls, accompanied by their chaperon, Mrs. Mary Boyle, enjoyed an automobile trip on Wednesday afternoon, and appeared much thrilled at the descriptions of the beautiful buildings and streets of the Nation's Capital.

"We are listening hard, so as to remember it all," they said. "It seems as if it is only a wonderful dream, that we shall never forget."



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PEACE ACTION UP TO HARDING

Congress Awaits Word From White House Before Passing Knox Resolution.

Passage of the long-heralded Knox resolution ending the state of war which has existed between the United States and the former Central Powers today awaited word from the White House.

PASSAGE IS PREDICTED.
Republican leaders of the Senate and House predicted that the peace resolution can be jammed through both Houses within an hour after the White House gives the word.

The actual date of passage appeared uncertain today. At first it was not intended that Congress should act on it until after May 1, the date set by France for German compliance with her reparations demands. Subsequently, however, the directors of the Harding foreign policy came around to believe that the resolution could be passed any time without having its purport misunderstood abroad.

The best information obtainable today was that the resolution probably will be brought out of the Foreign Relations Committee soon after the Senate disposes of the Colombian Treaty early next week. It appears doubtful if there will even be a fight on it of serious proportions.

OPPOSITION VANISHES.
Under the Committee reassignment, the Committee is composed of ten Republicans and six Democrats, and the Senate itself is made up of fifty-nine Republicans against thirty-seven Democrats. Elimination of that portion of the resolution which set forth a future policy should Europe be embroiled has removed the last vestige of opposition to it on the part of those irreconcilable elements who had given notice of their intention to fight it.

The date for resubmission of the Treaty of Versailles—if it ever is resubmitted—in so emasculated a form as to be hardly recognizable as the Treaty brought back from Paris by Woodrow Wilson appeared today to be in the hazy future.

TREATY YET UNCERTAIN.
There was no definite commitment on the part of President Harding to reconsider the Treaty. He said "it would seem the wiser course" to do so. If, after the passage of the Knox

resolution, Secretary of State Hughes and other of the President's advisers on foreign affairs can whip into shape a better plan than resubmission of the Treaty it will be done.

Ford to Pay Loans.
Ford Motor Company will pay off part of the \$24,000,000 bank loans that mature on April 18. It is estimated that approximately \$10,000,000 of this indebtedness will be retired at that time.

Henry Ford has sold his liberty bonds to liquidate part of his indebtedness, according to a banker in close touch with Ford affairs. Wall street heard that Ford was doing this sometime ago.

It is also stated that Ford has been able to raise funds to meet his taxes.

Thief Gets \$675 Loot.
The auction rooms of A. F. Arnold, 132 G street northwest, was entered early this morning by a thief who stole jewelry valued at \$675. Arnold told the police he found the door open this morning.

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HELD IN TEXAS ON D. C. FRAUD CHARGE

August Kline Said to Have Victimimized Jews Here by Fake Scheme.

According to word received from the Texas authorities today, August Kline, alias Podell, who formerly lived at 923 G street northwest, was arrested and charged with collecting money under false pretenses. It is alleged that he told his victims, mostly Jews, that he was raising a fund to combat Henry Ford's anti-semitism. He operated in New Orleans, Shreveport, Lake Charles, La., and other Southern cities. It is charged.

Kline is well known to the police here. He was arrested on the charge of false-pretenses within the last year. It is charged he purported putting on shows and sold fake tickets in advance. He represented that he was advance man for operatic stars and famous concert singers, police say. The detectives here learned he was in Houston, and they requested the police there to take him into custody. From Houston he was traced to Beaumont.

It is alleged that he collected over \$10,000 in the Southern States. Detective Vermillion will probably go South to bring him to Washington.

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